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2551-1001

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Roberto VILLA et al.

Conf. 4029

Serial No. 10/009,532

Group 1615

Filed December 12, 2001

Examiner Humera N Sheikh

CONTROLLED RELEASE AND TASTE  
MASKING ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS

RESPONSE

MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 24, 2005

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 23, 2004,  
applicants respond as follows:

Responsive to the requirement for restriction,  
applicants elect Group I, claims 1-14 and 20, the composition  
containing an active ingredient, without traverse. As to the  
election of species requirement, applicants provisionally elect:  
c) hydroxyalkyl cellulose, carboxyalkyl cellulose.

Non-elected claims 15-19 were canceled in the amendment  
of September 2, 2004, but may be made the subject of a divisional  
application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the  
present application.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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